

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-15, 17-19 and 21-25 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 15, 19 and 21-25 have been allowed by the Examiner. Claims 12 and 13 have been rejected by the Examiner, and claims 14, 17 and 18 have been objected to. Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled herein. Claims 14, 17 and 18 have been amended herein to appear in independent form. Applicant respectfully traverses each ground of rejection and requests reconsideration and further examination of the application under 37 CFR § 1.111. Applicant responds to each ground of rejection and objection as follows.

A. Allowable subject matter.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter of claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 14-15, 17-19 and 21-25.

B. Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,531,157 to Duckett et al.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled herein, therefore their rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is now considered moot.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests such action. Should it facilitate allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

A check in the amount of \$43.00 is included to cover the extra independent claim in excess of the amount independent claims paid for previously. No further fees are

believed to be necessary, however, should any fees be deemed required, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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